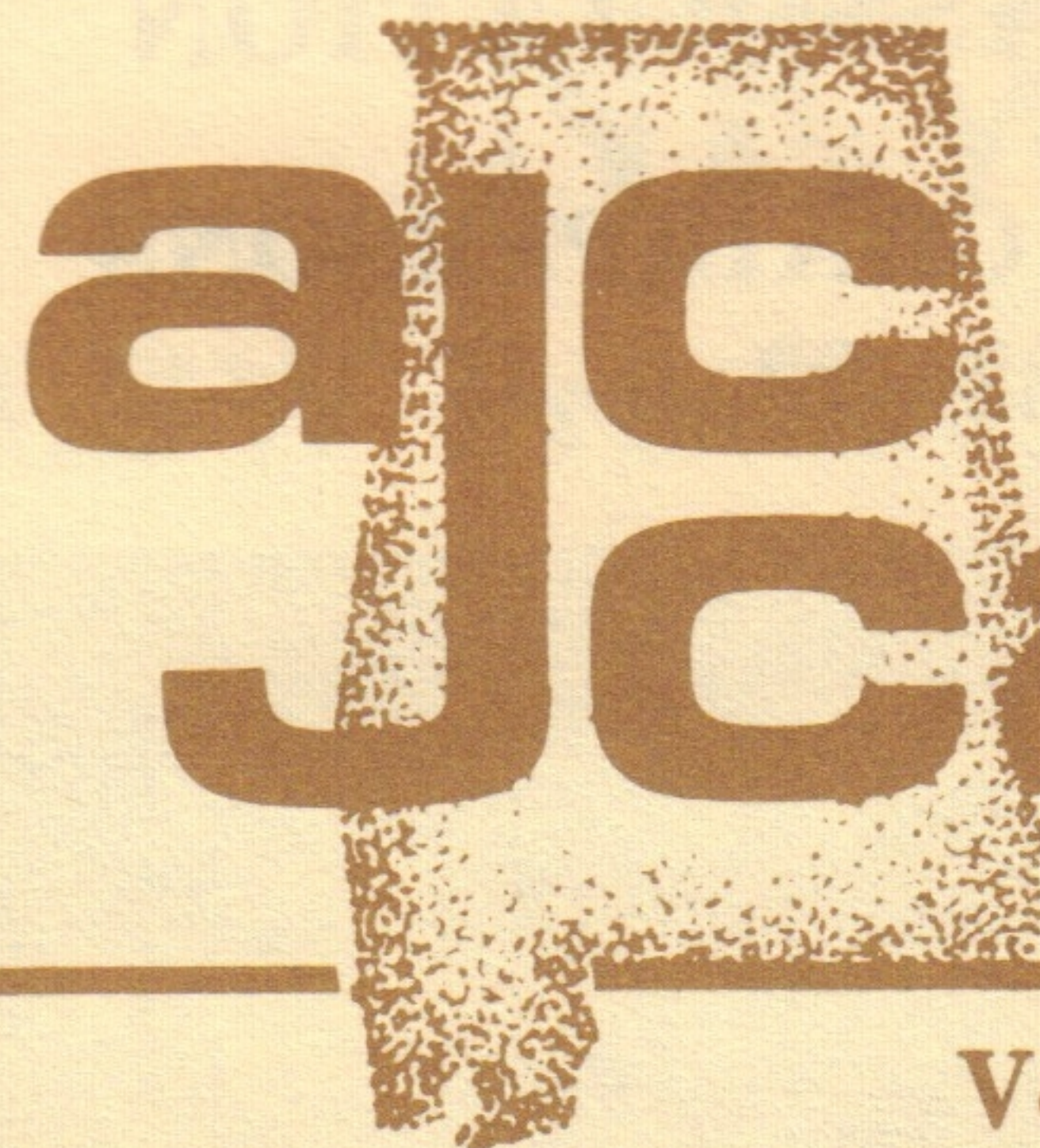




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President's Message

The week of April 10-16 has been declared by Governor George C. Wallace as Junior and Community College Week in Alabama. It is fitting that this date coincides with the dates of the AJCCA annual conference. One plan proposed by your Executive Committee for giving special emphasis to the week is the distribution by the colleges to their area schools and news media the new AJCCA published brochure detailing information about the colleges. Gene Brannon, Association Vice-President, President-Elect, is preparing the brochure. Information from Gene indicates that some impressive statistics for 1982 will be included. For example, Fall Quarter, 1982, enrollment data showed that 44,086 students were enrolled in Alabama's public two-year colleges producing a full-time equivalent enrollment of 36,038. The yearly enrollment figures for 1981-82 reflect a 4% growth over the previous year. The number of Fall Quarter freshmen students in Alabama's junior and community colleges compose approximately 45% of the total number of freshmen statewide. All Alabama junior and community colleges are accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools. In addition to other statistics relating to faculty employment and qualifications, the brochure will contain a narrative statement regarding the programs of study available at public two-year colleges and should prove an effective recruiting tool for each college.

Pete Davis, President of the Deans of Students Association reports that the search for the "Most Outstanding Student" is well underway. The winner of the competition will be selected at the conference. Last year fourteen schools were represented by truly



Dr. Joanne S. Jordan
Associate Dean
Southern Union State Junior College

outstanding young people. Your Executive Committee has voted to assist monetarily with the competition process as well as to provide a \$250.00 winner's scholarship.

The Executive Committee has met regularly during the past several months both to plan an outstanding conference program and to carry on the business of the Association. At a recent meeting, the Committee voted to send the President and Vice-President, President-Elect of the Association to the American Association of Community and Junior Colleges annual conference. This deci-

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NEWS ABOUT STUDENTS

LBW Presents "Our Town"



George Gibbs, portrayed by Roger Harrison; and Emily Webb, Sonya King; repeat their marriage vows as the Stage Manager Bill Benson officiates in a scene from Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." The three act play was presented by the Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College Drama Department in early February. Preceding the performance, a seminar was held from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. covering various aspects of "Our Town" relating to Covington County at the turn of the century. Eric Lidh, LBW drama director, spotted Harrison and Miss King while students at Kinston High School. Both are attending LBW on drama scholarships.

Junior College Scholars' Bowl League Update

After the fifth round of competition in the Alabama Junior College Scholars' Bowl League, Walker College, coached by Phillip Jean, and Faulkner State, coached by Douglas Tanner, are firmly entrenched in the number 1 and 2 spots in the standings. Walker has a 16-5 record and Faulkner is close behind with 15-7. The remaining nine teams and their win-loss record after five rounds are: (3) Shelton State, 12-10; (4) Brewer State, 11-10; (5) Enterprise State, 11-11; (6) Lawson State, 10-10; (7) Jefferson State, 10-10; (8) Wallace of Hanceville, 10-11; (9) Northwest State, 8-13; (10) Patrick Henry, 6-14; (11) Southern Union, 5-15.

The ten leading individual point scorers are (1) Michael Saltmarch of Lawson, 1390 pts; (2) David Link of Faulkner, 1350 pts; (3) Richard Gist of Brewer, 1100 pts.; (4) Brian Hargett of Northwest, 1080 pts.; (5) Barry Abston of Shelton, 1050 pts.; (6) Tim Martin of Walker, 900 pts.; (7) Greg Landingham of Enterprise, 720 pts.; (8) Pat Finney of Patrick Henry, 720 pts.; (9) Brent Rachel of Enterprise, 640 pts.; (10) James Cook of Wallace, Hanceville, 630 pts.

Two rounds of regular competition are remaining before the state playoffs on May 13 and 14. With the keen sense of competition evidenced by this outstanding group of young people, an exciting finale is anticipated.

Two Success Stories

(Editor's Note:) The two following articles are offered as illustrating the heart of the junior and community college philosophy — helping students to discover and capitalize on their potential.

The Miracle of 1979

A prominent Enterprise businessman had a problem. He owned a large number of suits and sport coats with the super-wide lapels that used to be stylish, and he wanted to get the lapels cut down.

He checked many places around Enterprise and Daleville but could not find anyone who would do the job at a reasonable price until one day when he was driving on East Park Avenue and spotted a yard sign reading "Alterations."

He pulled into the driveway to check on this seamstress. When the front door opened he was greeted by a happy, smiling, cheerful, middle-aged woman — Mrs. Inez Holland. She agreed to do the job. He left one coat and was so pleased with her work that she eventually did 13 coats.

Another Enterprise man — an educator — had waited ten years for clothing manufacturers to put the buttonhole back on the lapels of suits and sports coats. He decided to get a local tailor to put buttonholes on his coats. He too had difficulty finding someone to do the job until the lady at Singer's recommended Inez Holland. "If anyone can do it, Inez can," she said.

Mrs. Holland did the buttonholes and as the educator was leaving she said, "If it hadn't been for the college you work for I would not be in this business." "How is that?" he asked.

"Well," she said, "My husband died in 1976 and since my children were married and had their own homes, I lived alone and was a lonely, lonesome, bored woman. There was no tomorrow. One day was like another. For three years I sat around this house, watching TV, moping, feeling sorry for myself and waiting for my time to go into the great beyond. Then, one day in 1979, I read an article in the newspaper about a new Displaced Homemaker Program starting at Enterprise State. I had visited community counselors and then decided this program might be right for me.

"I went to the college and was accepted for the new program. During the next few weeks my life completely changed. It was nothing short of a miracle. The counselor for the program — Mrs. Chesser — helped me to realize that Inez Holland was not a washed-out has been, but a talented person who could start a new career. She restored my confidence and painted a better image of myself that prepared me to have a new beginning.

"When we went to the Career Development Center, we took aptitude and interest tests to help us decide on a career. After testing they told me that I had two choices. One was tailoring. That excited me. I had worked at the cotton mill and had done some alterations but had little training in tailoring or any thoughts of going into business. Even though I did not have a high school diploma, I felt this was a career I could go into immediately.

"I called a friend of mine at Ft. Rucker and told her of my plans. She was an expert tailor and agreed to help me if I should run into anything that I could not handle. That did it. I went to Singer's and bought a machine with attachments and more than 500 spools of thread. I had some cards printed and started passing them out to anyone who might need my services.

"Since then I love my new life. Every day offers a new challenge. I had never done coat lapels or buttonholes on coats until I was asked. I now feel that I can do anything in tailoring on men and women's clothes and look forward with enthusiasm to each new challenge.

One other thing I enjoy is counseling. Yes, I do some counseling even though I have no degree. There are a lot of women in this area who have lost their husbands and are lonely as I was from 1976 to 1979. I recognize them when they bring clothes for alteration and take time out to counsel with them. You see, I know how they feel. I've been there and I hope they too may find a miracle. I hope the college will continue to offer this fine program."

Mrs. Holland is happy. She is making a good living and really enjoys helping others. You can tell she really enjoys her new career.

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Like Mother, Like Daughter!

Mother and Daughter Elected to College Who's Who in the Same Year.

Betty Shelton Graham and her daughter Donna Lynn Graham have been elected to Who's Who, a national college honorary society, for the year 1982. The Graham family lives in Arab, Alabama.

Betty Graham, 45, is a sophomore at Wallace State Community College in Hanceville, majoring in Education with English as her possible area of concentration for a bachelor's degree. Mrs. Graham is the wife of Donald E. Graham, Purchasing Agent for Spring Valley Farms. Betty is the mother of Donna Lynn, 22, (mentioned in this article) and Chris, 26, a Chemical Engineering graduate of Auburn University.

Starting to college at the age of 44 took a good deal of courage, according to Betty: "It was very frightening at first to be competing with a classroom filled with eighteen-year-olds. I felt that they knew much more than I did." Betty's grade point average has proved that assumption incorrect, however: she has a perfect 4.00 average — all A's during her enrollment at Wallace State. When asked about her first day in college, Betty lamented: "It was terrible. At the end of the day I couldn't remember my bus number and I got on the wrong bus to go home. I had to walk two miles after getting off at the last stop! I felt so embarrassed that I put my books in front of my face so that nobody would recognize me." But Betty says that older students returning to college should not give up: "Time and time again I thought about quitting during my first quarter at Wallace State, but I wouldn't give up. I'm so glad now that I didn't give up. I never thought I would do this well!" Mrs. Graham's outstanding grade point average has also won her a listing in the National Deans' List. She was nominated for Who's Who in American Junior Colleges by Mrs. Catherine Farmer, an English instructor at Wallace State Community College.

Betty's entering college last year has been an adjustment for the entire family, Betty and Donna admit. "I had always been at home to have meals prepared on time, clothes washed and ironed. But my going

back to school has been good for me and my husband. He is very proud of me," Betty says.

Betty's success is no surprise to her family. Her daughter Donna says that she had been encouraging her mother to start to college for the last few years: "My mother is so smart that I knew she could do well in college. She was always well read and active." Donna is now a senior at Jacksonville State University, Jacksonville, Alabama. Donna has a double major in English and Music Education. The flute and piano are Donna's instruments: "I spend most of my time in Mason Hall practicing or marching with the Jacksonville State Southerners Marching Band." Donna's grade point average is also outstanding — a 2.9 out of a possible 3.00. When asked how she felt at being elected to Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, Donna replied: "I was thrilled. But my parents had always given me a realistic attitude toward achievements. They were glad for me and expressed pride in the things my brother Chris and I did, but they didn't go on and on praising us. I think that's a healthy outlook." Donna was nominated for Who's Who by Dr. Ronald Attinger of the Jacksonville State University Music Department. Donna cites as major influences on her thinking Dr. Ronald Attinger and Mrs. Patricia Walker of the JSU Music Department, also Mr. Wayne Washam, Band Director at Arab High School.

In looking back at her years of growing up in Arab, Donna thoughtfully remarks: "It was really the best of two worlds — the relaxed atmosphere and sense of community of a small town, and the advantages of a large city. We teenagers in Arab did not feel the big-city peer pressure to try such things as drugs and alcohol. That is a real advantage. Yet, my parents were able to take me to Huntsville for such educational opportunities as flute lessons. My brother and I have very caring parents who saw to it that we had great educational opportunities and a good environment in which to grow up."

The future is bright for both these ladies. Betty plans to pursue her bachelor's degree, probably in English Education, at either Alabama A & M in Huntsville or at Athens College. Donna is seriously considering graduate study in Music Therapy, the use of music with retarded children. This mother-daughter team is truly outstanding!

COLLEGE NEWS AND NOTES

Jefferson State Library Receives Education Materials



Jefferson State's Dr. Burma Wallace and Dr. Bill Counce were on hand to receive materials for the college's James B. Allen Library. David Mull, left, of the Batesville Casket Company of Indiana donated 134 books to the Learning Resource Center.

The James B. Allen Library at Jefferson State was recently presented with funeral services materials by the Batesville Casket Company of Indiana.

David Mull of Batesville Casket Co. donated 134 books, two records, and a videocassette from the company's professional library.

Dr. Burma Wallace, director of the Learning Resources Center for the library, and Dr. Bill Counce, an instructor for Jefferson State's funeral service program, accepted the materials.

Dr. Wallace was excited about the donation, "These books will be great resource material for funeral service students, and will also be very helpful in psychology and related areas."

Jefferson State has the only accredited funeral service education program in Alabama.

ESJC Seeking Private Funds For Scholarships

The Enterprise State Junior College Foundation is seeking more private funding "to maintain the academic excellence for which the junior college is known."

"Since its beginning in 1965, the College has received revenue from state appropriations and tuition to finance basic operational costs and has attracted federal funds to finance innovative programs," Dr. Joseph Talmadge, President, said.

"Now that federal support is drastically reduced and costs continue to soar due to inflation, the College must depend more on private giving if we are to continue offering quality education to all in our community," Dr. Talmadge added.

Therefore, the ESJC Foundation has been organized and directors have been appointed to the Board. Several contributions to the Foundation have already been received, and concerted fundraising efforts have gotten underway. An initial goal of \$100,000 has been set so that interest earned on that amount can be used to grant much-needed academic and leadership scholarships to deserving ESJC students.

The Foundation is directed by Dr. Linda Wilson, Dean of Development, and her assistant, Mrs. Mackie Jordan.

COMPUTERS ARE THE NEWS

Micro-Computer Week-end Workshop Offered Teachers At ESJC

The Micro-Computer As A Classroom Tool — a special course for teachers, counselors and school administrators — is scheduled as a week-end workshop at Enterprise State Junior College Friday and Saturday, March 4 and 5, 1983.

"This low-cost, high quality workshop provides a practical introduction to the micro-computer as a new exciting tool for teachers," Dr. Mary Bauer, director, Continuing Education, said.

The first session meets from 6 till 9 p.m. Friday, March 4; and the second from 8 a.m. till 12:30 p.m. Saturday morning, March 5.

William H. Brown, CDP, chairman, Computer & Information Science Division, ESJC; J. Roger Howell, computer science instructor at ESJC; Linda O. McCammon, ESJC computer instructor; Sue Baum, coordinator of Academic Computer Services at ESJC; Geary D. Daves, computer assistant at ESJC; and Jimmy Pirkle, instructor, Daleville High School are course leaders for the workshop.

Enrollment is limited to 40 persons and a registration fee of \$65 will be charged. Registration deadline date is Friday, February 25, 1983. Ten or more must register by that date or the workshop will not be held. Once ten enroll, registration will continue on a first come basis until the first session or until the 40 limit is reached.

Several micro-computers will be on display for use by participants including the TRS-80 Model III, Radio Shack Color Computer, Atari 400/800, Commodore Vic 20, Texas Instruments TI99/4A, Apple II Plus, and IBM Personal Computer.

Topics included in the workshop are: Definition of a micro-computer, vocabulary of computer terms, criteria for determining benefits, hardware needs, software needs, evaluating computers and equipment, sources of equipment, hands on experience with micro-computers, introduction to programming, examples of tutorial and classroom management software, using software, and developing software.

Computer Science Program Designed At WSCC

Wallace State Community College has recently acquired a new Computer Science Program designed to fit the needs of two categories of people; those desiring to enter the computer field immediately after completing the program and those desiring to pursue further studies in Computer Science or Business with a Computer Science emphasis. Instruction is given in computer-related business applications.

Assuming that the students have had no previous exposure to computer science, the Computer Science Program offers the most up-to-date training by using hands on applications.

Various computer languages such as RPG, COBOL, Assembler and BASIC are taught. Accounting, typing, algebra, and statistics are offered in this program to prepare the student to have the necessary knowledge to implement solutions on the computer for problems in these areas.

A student taking a full load should be able to complete the program from six to eight quarters. At that time, the graduate can go to work in an entry level position in a computer-related field, or transfer to one of the surrounding universities to pursue a Bachelor's Degree.

The new Computer Science Director at WSCC is Mr. Tracy Gilbreath. He has a B.S. Degree in Computer Science from the University of Alabama in Birmingham and is a native of Birmingham. He is married to the former Lisa Johnson of Cullman and they are now residing in Cullman.

Computer Science Offers Unique Opportunities

Computer science courses, the newest addition to Brewer State Junior College's curriculum, have had a tremendous response from day and evening college students in the West Alabama area, according to Jerre Strickland, the newly-named Director of Computer Services at the College. These courses, which are designed to be a part of four degree programs at the two-year school, are responsible in part for a steady increase in enrollment over the past three quarters. And Strickland is delighted with the prospects for computer science education.

"We have come a long way in a very short time," said the new director, who has served on the faculty of the College as a mathematics instructor for the last nine years. "Brewer State purchased the Texas Instruments equipment last year, and since that time we have offered nine courses in computer science — all of which have had capacity or near-capacity enrollment." The offerings range from an introductory course, "Introduction to Computer Systems with BASIC," to "FORTRAN Programming," which emphasizes the use of the digital computer for solving mathematical and engineering problems, to "Applications in Computer Science," a course which provides students with an opportunity for independent study using specific computer languages such as BASIC, Pascal, RPG II, FORTRAN, COBOL, and Assembly.

The four degree programs offered by Brewer State Junior College using the computer science courses as a foundation are designed for students who plan to complete a four-year baccalaureate degree at a college or university and for people who plan to end their formal education at the junior college level. The transfer degrees offer an Associate in Science in two areas — computer science and data processing. The computer science degree includes required courses in calculus and prepares the student for proficiency in using the mathematical computer languages, while the data processing degree concentrates on business applications of the computer and includes courses in accounting, economics, business law, and the computer

language of the business world, COBOL.

The two terminal programs are provided with employment in the computer science field as the primary goal. The Associate in Applied Science degree is offered in both general business and management & supervision, with a concentration in data processing courses and applications.

Robotics To Add Many New Careers, Wallace College Seminar Told

Robotics, far from taking away the jobs of American workers, will provide many new careers for the people who will design, produce, install and maintain the industrial robots which will put America back in its rightful place as world leader in productivity.

Some 100 persons attending Alabama's first seminar on educational robotics at George C. Wallace State Community College in Dothan recently heard this prediction of things to come and had a hands-on demonstration of Hero I, the Zenith-Heath Co.'s educational robot.

Dr. Larry Beaty, administrative dean, said "We are tremendously interested in robotics. It has economic implications for our country in terms of management productivity. We need technicians who understand robotics and we hope at Wallace Community College to train these technicians."

Dr. Beaty said Wallace College is considering adding a six-month course in robotics for students who have completed the course in electronics. "We are currently trying to develop a curriculum and get it approved and funded at the state level," he said.

Coordinated by Tommy Fortune, chairman of the Electronics Department, the seminar was conducted by Curtis H. Baggett, president of Technical Training Aids of Birmingham and C. R. (Buz) Wallace, educational marketing manager for Veritechnology Electronics Corporation, St. Joseph, Mo.

They demonstrated Hero I, the model developed by Heath-Zenith for teaching the principles of robotics in industrial electronics. The robot, which can be built from a kit, senses light, sound and motion and is mobile. It can perform several motions with its "arm" and can be given a voice and a personality.

"Robotics is not new. It has been around for more than 20 years and now is out of its infancy," Mr. Wallace told the group. He said U.S. industry is actively moving into robotics. Now there are some 7,000 in use and by 1991 there will be 100,000.

It will require skilled workers to design, produce, install, trouble-shoot and maintain these machines, he said. Although some jobs may be lost initially — as in every stage of the industrial revolution — the net result will be more jobs.

The positions lost to robots, he noted, will be the tedious work which most people do not want to do anyway. The growth of robotics in industry will depend on having a supply of trained workers who understand the principles of robotics.

"This is going to be vital for the schools because industry needs to have this taught," Mr. Wallace said.

GENERAL PROGRAM FORMAT

ANNUAL CONFERENCE — AJCCA — April 14 - 15, 1983

Thursday, April 14

Birmingham Hilton

8:30 a.m. — 5:30 p.m.

REGISTRATION

10:30 a.m. — Noon

OPENING GENERAL SESSION

Dr. Dale Parnell, Keynote Speaker, Other General Business

Noon — 1:30 p.m.

LUNCH ON YOUR OWN

1:30 p.m. — 3:00 p.m.

COMMISSION SESSIONS

Commission on Faculty

Commission on Administration

Commission on Students

Commission on Support Personnel

3:00 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

BREAK

3:30 p.m. — 4:30 p.m.

BUSINESS SESSION

Election of Officers, Outstanding Student Awards, Other Business

6:00 p.m. — 7:00 p.m.

CATERED RECEPTION

Ballroom, Birmingham Hilton

Reception will honor State Board members and other guests of the Association

7:00 p.m.

DINNER ON YOUR OWN

Friday, April 15

Birmingham Hilton

8:30 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.

INTEREST GROUP SESSIONS I

10:00 a.m. — 10:30 a.m.

BREAK

10:30 a.m. — Noon

INTEREST GROUP SESSIONS II

Noon

CONFERENCE ADJOURNED

EXHIBITIONS OF INTEREST TO AJCCA MEMBERS WILL BE DISPLAYED IN THE BIRMINGHAM HILTON HOTEL BEGINNING WITH REGISTRATION ON THURSDAY AND CONTINUING UNTIL CONFERENCE ADJOURNMENT ON FRIDAY

Interest Groups Meeting At Conference

The interest groups within each of the four AJCCA commissions that will be holding meetings at the April Conference are listed below. Programs for each group are being finalized and the April issue of the Newsletter will carry a complete conference program. Each interest group will have two sessions in order to provide flexibility for persons with dual responsibilities and/or interests.

Commission on Administration

Interest Groups

1. Executive Officers
2. Academic Officers
3. Financial Officers
4. Deans of Student Affairs
5. Directors of Federal and Institutional Research
6. Directors of Community Service
7. Community and Public Relations Officers

Commission on Faculty

Interest Groups

1. Business
2. English
3. Health Carrers
4. Health, Phy. Educ., and Rec.
5. Learning Resources
6. Mathematics
7. Music
8. Reading
9. Science
10. Social Science

Commission on Students

Interest Groups

1. Counselors
2. Financial Aid Officers
3. Admissions Officers
4. Directors/Coordinators of Veteran's Affairs

Commission on Support Personnel

Interest Groups

1. Secretaries
2. Maintenance



Bessie J. German
AAEOPP President

German Elected President of AAEOPP

Bessie J. German, director of educational talent search of Shelton State Community College, was named president of the Alabama Association of Educational Opportunity Program Personnel during the recent Southeastern Associations 11th annual conference in Atlanta. German will assume the position at the next state meeting in May for a period of two years (1983-85).

AAEOPP was formed for the purpose of accommodating disadvantaged students located in the region. Alabama is one of eight member-states located in region IV, Alabama, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Mississippi, South Carolina, North Carolina and Kentucky.

The program classifies disadvantaged students as those from families with culture disadvantages, academic deficiencies, or low incomes. The program also serves students with documented handicap situations not withstanding income in order to be assisted in being successful in their academic world, both secondary and post-secondary.

"AAEOPP members are extremely proud of their accomplishments on behalf of their students within the state," German said. "Many of these special programs have been in existence throughout the state since the late 60's and have been the determining factor for many students earning high school diplomas and college degrees. Many of these students have been successful in obtaining post-graduate degrees in business, nursing, and other fields."

German said that the objective of these programs is to generate in participants the skills and motivation necessary for success

in both secondary and post-secondary education.

Other state officers include: Judy Miller, Enterprise Junior College, vice-president; Mattie Hendrix, Bessemer Technical College, secretary; James Wade, Walker State Junior College, treasurer; Elaine Elledge, University of Montevallo, state representative.

Everett McCorvey to Perform in Porgy and Bess

Tenor Everett McCorvey, director of the Shelton Singers and instructor of voice at Shelton State Community College, has been chosen for the cast of New York's Radio City Music Hall's revival of George Gershwin's folk opera, "Porgy and Bess." The show will open in Chicago on February 14 for a four-week performance after which the company will return to Radio City Music Hall for a two month's run beginning March 19. Plans are being made for the production to tour Europe this summer. McCorvey was chosen as one of 90 members to comprise the three casts from auditions held this fall in New York.

McCorvey is a native of Montgomery, Alabama, where he was actively involved in the Montgomery Little Theatre and the civic opera. He is a graduate of Jefferson Davis High School where he was voted outstanding senior musician and received his BA and MA degrees from the University of Alabama. While at the University, he was the divisional winner of the National Association of Teachers of Singing competition, Alabama Music Teachers Association divisional winner, outstanding senior musician award and the William Stevens Outstanding Performance in Opera award. In 1981 he was the national winner in the National Federation of Music Clubs student competition. Other honors include: Who's Who Among American Colleges and Universities, Mortar Board, Omicron Delta Kappa, Jasons, Pi Kappa Lambda, National Music Honor Society, and Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia.

McCorvey has also appeared with the

Birmingham Civic Opera; Whitewater Opera Company in Richmond, Indiana; Birmingham Town and Gown Theatre; Blossom Music Festival in Cleveland, Ohio; and the Aspen Music Festival. He is a soloist with Christ Episcopal Church in Tuscaloosa and is a student of Edward White.

President's Message (from page 1)

sion was added to the policy statements of the Association to be in effect each year if funds are available. Another policy adopted by the Committee is that, effective 1983, both individual and institutional membership dues will cover the same membership period of April 1 — March 31 each year. Since the theme of the 1983 conference, "Putting Alabama Back to Work," is particularly applicable to all post-secondary institutions within our state, it was suggested and approved by the Committee that technical college presidents and deans be invited to attend the meeting as guests of the Association. The Committee has also reaffirmed the conference dates through 1986 and set the date for 1987. These are April 12 & 13, 1984; April 11 & 12, 1985; April 10 & 11, 1986; and April 16 & 17, 1987.

Registration forms for the conference and hotel reservation cards for the Birmingham Hilton should be included with this issue of the Newsletter. Extra copies will be available from your campus librarian who is the person on each campus to receive and distribute the Newsletter. Please return the conference registration form with your \$20.00 to Jane Phillips at Southern Union. The hotel reservation card should be returned directly to the Hilton. It is suggested that you make your reservations as early as possible since rooms set aside for AJCCA and special rates will be held only through March 25.

Al Evans is working toward securing a number of door prizes for distribution to lucky conference attendees, and Gene Brannon reports good response from exhibitors and groups who will be hosting hospitality rooms for the meeting.

SEE YOU IN BIRMINGHAM APRIL 14 AND 15.

PEOPLE IN THE NEWS



Mrs. Anne Parker and Dr. Nathan Hodges

Enrollment Trends Discussed at Wallace, Dothan

Mrs. Anne Laura Parker of Ozark, a member of the Council of 21, met with Dr. Nathan Hodges, president of George C. Wallace State Community College, to discuss present and past enrollment trends and future needs of the institution. Mrs. Parker and Dr. Hodges consulted in his office on the campus, January 5. A former vice-president of the Alabama Commission on Higher Education, Mrs. Parker's term expired last summer. She was then appointed to the Council of 21, a group of outstanding leaders in business and civic affairs throughout Alabama studying the special opportunities and problems facing the state in the next decade with emphasis on the role of higher education.



Carole C. Canfield

Canfield Elected to SACJC Board of Directors

Carole C. Canfield, Academic Dean of George Corley Wallace State Community College in Selma, has been elected to the board of directors of the Southern Association of Community and Junior Colleges. The membership of the SACJC consists of those community and junior colleges who are accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

Mrs. Canfield is one of six members on the board of directors who along with officers comprise an eleven member executive committee. This executive committee will carry out the business of the association in conjunction with its policies. Dean Marilyn Beck of Lurleen B. Wallace State Junior College and Dean Canfield are the only two Alabamians on the executive committee.



Charles L. Byrd

Wallace, Selma, Nursing Building Named for President

On November 9, 1982, George Corley Wallace State Community College in Selma dedicated its Science-Nursing Building in honor of its President, Charles L. Byrd. The ceremony featured a slate of officials representing the school, the community, and state, all of whom attested to President Byrd's contribution to education in Alabama. After a State Board resolution naming the building in honor of Byrd was read, President Byrd himself responded in a modest fashion giving credit to many others for the facility and committing it to "the benefit of students, present and future."



Richard Dunaway

Dunaway Named District Director of Social Studies Council

Richard Dunaway, History Instructor at Wallace State Community College in Selma, has been named District VII Director, Alabama State Council for Social Studies. District VII is comprised of all public and private schools within the Seventh Congressional District of Alabama. Dunaway's duties will include directing the annual District VII Social Science Fair next spring. Students from area junior and senior high schools who are project winners in their local school fairs compete at the District VII contest. District winners then compete in the State Social Science Fair at Montgomery.



Dr. David Campbell

Northeast Instructor to be Published in *Appalachian Journal*

Dr. David Campbell, instructor and chairman of the Arts and Humanities Division at Northeast Alabama State Junior College, will have an article on an experimental project of the 1930's and 1940's published in the April, 1983, issue of the *Appalachian Journal* published by the Appalachian Center Studies in Boone, North Carolina.

The article is entitled "Skyline Farms: A Case Study of Community Development and Rural Rehabilitation." The story of Skyline Farms in Jackson County, Alabama, on Cumberland Mountain is told. The program, initiated by the federal government under President Franklin D. Roosevelt in the 1930's, was established as a pilot project that would lead the way toward wiping out rural poverty in the country. It was to set an example of how rural people could combat poverty and improve their standard of living by cooperating with each other. Not only would ex-tenants become landowners, but they would live in harmony in an idyllic community. These were the dreams of Skyline Farms.

The project was not altogether successful because the land did not produce enough money for the former tenants to buy their land and establish their identity through rehabilitation of themselves and their families. The land was cleared, roads were built and eventually 171 housing units were constructed plus a barn and smokehouse on each farm unit. Dr. Campbell concluded in his study, which was part of a post-doctoral project at the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, under the direction of Dr. David Coombs, associate professor in Sociology, that "all was not lost at Skyline Farms even though the project fell short of its original goal. However, the experiment had its victims. They were the ex-tenants who heard the rhetoric of the opportunity that was theirs. For most, it was an opportunity never delivered and those who participated in the project today still wonder what went wrong."